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1 Introduction:

Thesis statement: The current social, economic and political chaos are directing youth to become a canker for a country. However, through governmental initiatives and bureaucrats providing helping hand youth bulge can be utilized positively for progress.

2 An Overview: The current crisis of Pakistan and Youth Bulge

3 Reasons of Youth Bulge in Pakistan a 'liability':

- Weak rule of law
- Persistent Political doldrums
- Stringent Budget deficit economy
- Rigid gender stereotypes
- Prevalent digital divide

4 Impacts of burdensome Youth Bulge on Pakistan:

- Invisibility of Pakistan on Global Arena
- Never-achieving democracy in country
- Low profiles in entrepreneurship
- Socially backward society
- Barren field of innovations

5 Suggestions for directing Youth Bulge towards Productive asset for Country:

- Effective rule of law
- Promote meritocracy
- Introduce critical thinking in education system
- Support youth through governmental special incentives
- Channalise youth activism into positive change through Media campaigns.

6. Conclusion

According to the Express Tribune, around 765,000 people ^{left} Pakistan for abroad in 2022, nearly triple the departures in 2021. This year's data also included 92,000 highly-educated people such as doctors, engineers, information technology experts and accountants. More than half of the asset has already ^{left} the country and the remainings are fighting for their rights and deserved opportunities. However, country seems uncompassionate towards burgeoning Youth Bulge's concerns in Pakistan. Consequently, the young population has transformed into an explosive bomb; rebellious and anti-government activist. For instance, the World Bank reports wrote almost 70% of Pakistan's Youth is indulge into ^{either} criminal activities, or drugs addiction or illegal transactions. This worst situation has repel effect on overall growth of Pakistan. The state is unable to resolve its social, economical and political crisis because its youth is more of a liability than that of asset for a country. The backbone of the country is not supporting the functioning of the country. Nevertheless, Pakistan is having a major population of young aged people is a blessing, that even developed country like USA is lacking. Therefore, through government al initiatives specially for youths development like; HEC schdarships in-country as well as board, financial aid for start-ups, media liceneing for young social influencers and even budgeting

grants for parents who send their children - both girls and boys alike, to schools. Moreover, bureaucrats have pivotal role to play. It is their duty to make sure policies are implemented in the true spirit and people are aware of such incentives. Thus, the current social, economical and political chaos of the country are directing youth to become a conkey. However, ^{through} governmental support and bureaucrats providing helping hands, youth bulge can be utilized properly for the progress of the country.

The landscape of Pakistan is more or less similar to its 1947 infant state's state. Some cat-fighting of politicians for their vested interests impeding democracy. Consequently, the succession of feudal lords prevails. The young and fresh mindsets are stoned back at the first stair of ^{their} political flight. Similarly, economic benefits are beneficant for the high-level economy generators, hard-core industrialists and landlords. The youth is crushing under their hands for job opportunities with un-due job policies and working hours. At the social standing, the condition is even worse. Even though, geographically, country had got independence long before but in the mindsets still holds colonial chains. ^{young} Women facing early marriages, domestic violence, work-place harassments and governmental policies with no practical grounds. In a nutshell, everything is intertwined. The current crisis of the country are hindering youth to become an asset for the country.

One of the significant reason for the youth bulge of Pakistan is a liability is the weak rule of law. According to the UN Pakistan report, Pakistan is the world 3rd most dangerous country to live. 40% of the Pakistan's population is living below poverty line. The city of Karachi has marked the most criminal activities of the country, and worst city worldwide. In such conditions, the youth will automatically shift towards looking for alternative ways of living. Thus, often trapped into illegal rat-traps and becoming a liability of the country.

Similarly, the political dodgems are the other main catalysts of youth bulge turning into a liability. Political leaders are occupied into clearing their red-hands and oppositions are in dusting the positive initiatives of the ruling party to keep-in. Consequently, the opinion of the youth is unheard, resulting country-wide out-rage and fire-crackers even in small clashes. The public behaviour at the Mr. Imran Khan's arrest can be seen as the role of youth as exaggerator and undirected water. Fence-sitter and worsening the situation. According to the Express Tribune, 1000s of bikers came to the roads, windows and doors were crushed and many more damages has been done. On the contrary, this out-rage and activism if used for positive change, i.e., gender equality would be better, rather than

unnecessarily manipulating public opinion and twisted young minds for the vested interests of political parties.

Likewise, the financial crisis ^{are} is also oiling the fuel of youth Bulge in Pakistan. Economic deficit is unable to provide ^{adequate} education budget. Therefore, children are doing child-labor, girls are been early married and most of the parents are opting for their children in-formal opportunities. Thus, these short-comings are gaining burdensome youth for country.

Sameas, the social conditions of the country are pulling the hands of young populations towards backwardness and psychopathologic circumstances. Where, girls - the half of the asset of the country - is systemically sustens and confined into domestic cult due to rigid stereotypes. According to the Aurat March, "We as a women are not suppressed, but to feel the patriarchy" Thus, this patriarchal mentality has boxed half of the asset of the country - the girls population.

Finally, the youth in Pakistan is also under the crisis of digital divide. Technology has become a necessity of this age, but the country is lacking behind in advancements. In COVID-19 situation, according to Al-Jazeera reports, Pakistan was the most affected country due to its impudence to support home-based and online facilities to its people. Hence, education system, businesses and even

Lives of people could not cop-up with the situation and country went into deep darkness. Students could not manage their studies and even foreign went scholarship holder either got stucked or come home back withdrawing their courses because government could not provide them their digital help at ^{that} time.

Subsequently, with the burdensome youth, country is the one facing harsh consequences. The mindless youth could not manage to come to front, thus the state lacks man-power, to solidify the overall standing of the country. This can be felt in the BRICS meeting of 2023 in South Africa, where even countries like Ethiopia had representation but not Pakistan. The lack of diplomacy of the country is portraying the need of new and fresh minds that can understand the needs of the global age and act accordingly. Thus, Pakistan is lacking that so it is visible in global arena.

Secondly, the liability of Youth Bulge is encouraging hurdles in democracy. The uneducated youth holds uncritical approaches towards political leaders. Plus, their poverty force them to bow down and get sale their votes for penny-filled coins. Specially in Rural areas, the young generations feels more comfortable under their feudal lords

rather than rule of law. This mentality cum need has build strong wall against democracy.

Thirdly, since government is unable to support new startups. Pakistan has very low profile in terms of enterpreneurships. According to the World Bank Report, in Asia, Pakistan is even worst than Bangladesh in terms of starting a new businesses. Thus, the youth with ideas too, often get scolded back due to lack of resources. Their failure is eventually, a lose of country in the economic earning.

Fourthly, the gender stereotypes are the mode in the country's development. As the Mary Wollstone-Craft has said, "If you educate a man, you have educated that man. But if you educate a woman, you will educate the whole generation." Thus, uneducated young girls are not just liability as one, but collectively as generational liability to the country.

Fifthly, and finally, the liability of youth bulge is visible on innovational firms as well. Indians are movings to 'Moons', 'Mars' and Google jobs, pentagone too. But Pakistan scientists are not even in list of any record breaking of innovations. This is another huge setback of the country, that with the massive population of energetic young population, Pakistan is unable to unleash anything.

Nevertheless, the young population is itself a blessing, Pakistan just need to channelize it properly. Following are some suggestions:

Firstly, to provide the youth their due rights it is mandatory to establish rule of law. The policies could not only be effective if the grounds are fertile. So, the rule of law should be maintained through out the country equally. Specially in rural areas; no lord system.

Secondly, promote merit based selection. Corruption hires undeserving candidate. Thus, every institutions is sustaining under such lack of skilled people.

Thirdly, critical thinking could be introduced in education system that teaches youth respect, equality and innovations.

Finally, government, media and ~~bureaucrat~~ civil society has role to make these suggestions implement in practical grounds.

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To conclude, the youth bulge in Pakistan currently is more of a liability than asset. However, there is a ray of light in their activism that the support of all stakeholders can help them to shine.